TRANSFER OF TWO CHIEF ENGINEERS OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

* *Q.*—193. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the two erstwhile Chief Engineers Sri Raju and Sri Manchigiah were asked to take leave or were transferred to some Department;

(*b*) the circumstances under which the above action was taken;

(*c*) whether charges have been framed against one of the ex-Chief Engineers, *i. e.* Sri Manchigiah and if so, the details ?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Sri R. L. Raju and Sri M. H. Manchigiah, Chief Engineers, were transferred as Officers on Special Duty in the Revenue and the Commerce and Industries Departments respectively.

(*b*) On administrative grounds.

(*c*) It is *sub judice*.

CREATION OF TWO NEW POSTS OF OFFICERS ON SPECIAL DUTY IN REVENUE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT.

**Q.*—204. Sri J. VENKATAPPA (Sidlaghatta).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the reasons to create new posts of Officers on Special Duty, one in the Revenue Department and the other in the Commerce and Industries Department?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

For administrative reasons, the two posts were created.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Supplementary to (*c*) of 193: Now that it is no longer *sub-judice*, may I know what were the charges framed against one of the ex-Chief Engineers?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—It is a fact that when it was referred to the High Court charges were framed, but it is now understood that their Lordships have given a judgment, but the copy of the judgment is not with me. It is understood that the Government and the Petitioner have submitted 2 memos in which it is stated that the charges may be dropped and the officer may be asked to retire.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know what were the charges?